

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments this application will contain claims 26-32 pending and under consideration. In the Office Communication dated June 3, 2004, claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 20, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Sohnus (US 3,607,741) in view of Rowell (EP 213,252). Claim 31 was rejected under 35 USC §112, and objections were raised over 17 as a duplicate of claim 31. Claims 26-30 were allowed. For more reasons more fully discussed below, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration leading toward timely issuance of this application is requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 31-34 have been renumbered as claims 29-32.

Claim 31 has also been amended by replacing the word "oils" with the phrase --hydrophobic water-immiscible liquids-- as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112.

Claim 17 has been canceled.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 20, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sohnus (US 3,607,741) in view of Rowell (EP 213,252). Applicants have canceled these claims. Therefore this rejection is moot.

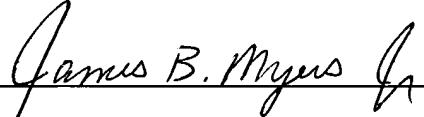
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration, withdrawal of all outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application containing claims 26-32 are requested. In addition, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about

this submission and other formal matters, which might be addressed in that fashion to facilitate allowance of this application.

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